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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Gerard J. Tate

Application No. 10/736,114

Filed on December 15, 2003

Re Office Action of May 13, 2005

Group Art Unit 3677

**Title: FASTENER FOR USE
WITH SHOES**

Examiner Lavinder

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

PO Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**As part of a Request for Continued Examination in response to the Office Action
dated May 13, 2005, please amend the application identified above as follows:**